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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional  
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of  
pending prior Application No. 09/904,623 filed on July 13, 2001,  
which is a Continuation-In-Part of Application No. 09/421,062,  
filed October 19, 1999, which is a divisional of Application No.  
10/393,663, filed March 21, 2003, the entire contents of which  
are hereby incorporated by reference,  
by

Jeffrey GULLICKSEN; William S. KISH; and Theodore TEDIJANTO

for

VIRTUAL LINE SWITCHED RING (VLSR) CONNECTION STATE DISTRIBUTION  
SCHEME

- ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,  
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if  
applicable).

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2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	18-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2-3 =	0	x 86 = \$0.00	x 43 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00	+ \$145.00
TOTAL			\$770.00	\$0.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. ☒ Enclosed is/are thirteen (13) sheets of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned to CIENA Corporation.
8. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on \_\_\_\_\_.
10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

11. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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12. ☐ An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_  
has been submitted in parent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ in order  
to establish co-pendency with the present application.

13. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

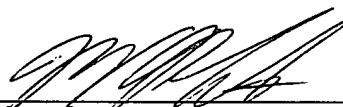
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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